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E.O. 12065: GDS 10/2/85 (RICH, ROBERT G.)

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SUBJECT: KOREAN RELATIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN

1. CONFIDENTIAL, ENTIRE TEXT.
2. DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL RO, CH'ANG-HUI (CHANG HUI RO)
OF THE AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
(ROK) FOREIGN MINISTRY PASSED THROUGH WASHINGTON LAST WEEK
AFTER DISCUSSIONS IN BARBADOS.
3. RO INFORMED US THAT THE ROK WILL SOON APPOINT A RESIDENT
AMBASSADOR ON BARBADOS WITH CONCURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES IN
THE LESSER ANTILLES IN AN EFFORT BY SEOUL TO UPGRADE ITS
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ATTENTION TO THE CARIBBEAN MINI-STATES. THIS WILL BE
TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE PRESENTATION TO THE GOB OF A
GIFT OF MECHANIZED FARM TILLERS WHICH ARE BEING SHIPPED
FROM KOREA.

4. RO REPORTED THAT WHILE HE WAS IN BARBADOS RECENTLY THE
NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN GUYANA HAD PASSED

THROUGH BRIDGETOWN AND PROCEEDED TO DOMINICA, WHERE HE HAD ALLEGEDLY CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT FOR NORTH KOREA TO RESTORE THE ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WIPED OUT BY HURRICANE DAVID. RO MARVELLED AT THE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT THE NORTH KOREANS ARE MAKING IN THE AREA.

5. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL NOTED REGRETFULLY THAT IT STILL SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE ANY NORMAL CONTACT WITH TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, EVEN THOUGH ROK DIALOGUE EVEN WITH MANY COMMUNIST COUNTRIES HAD BEEN IMPROVING.

6. FOR CARIBBEAN POSTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE REPORTING ON NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITY IN THE AREA AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE. CHRISTOPHER

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